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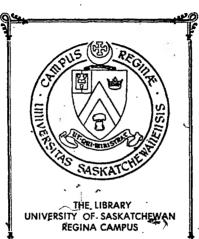
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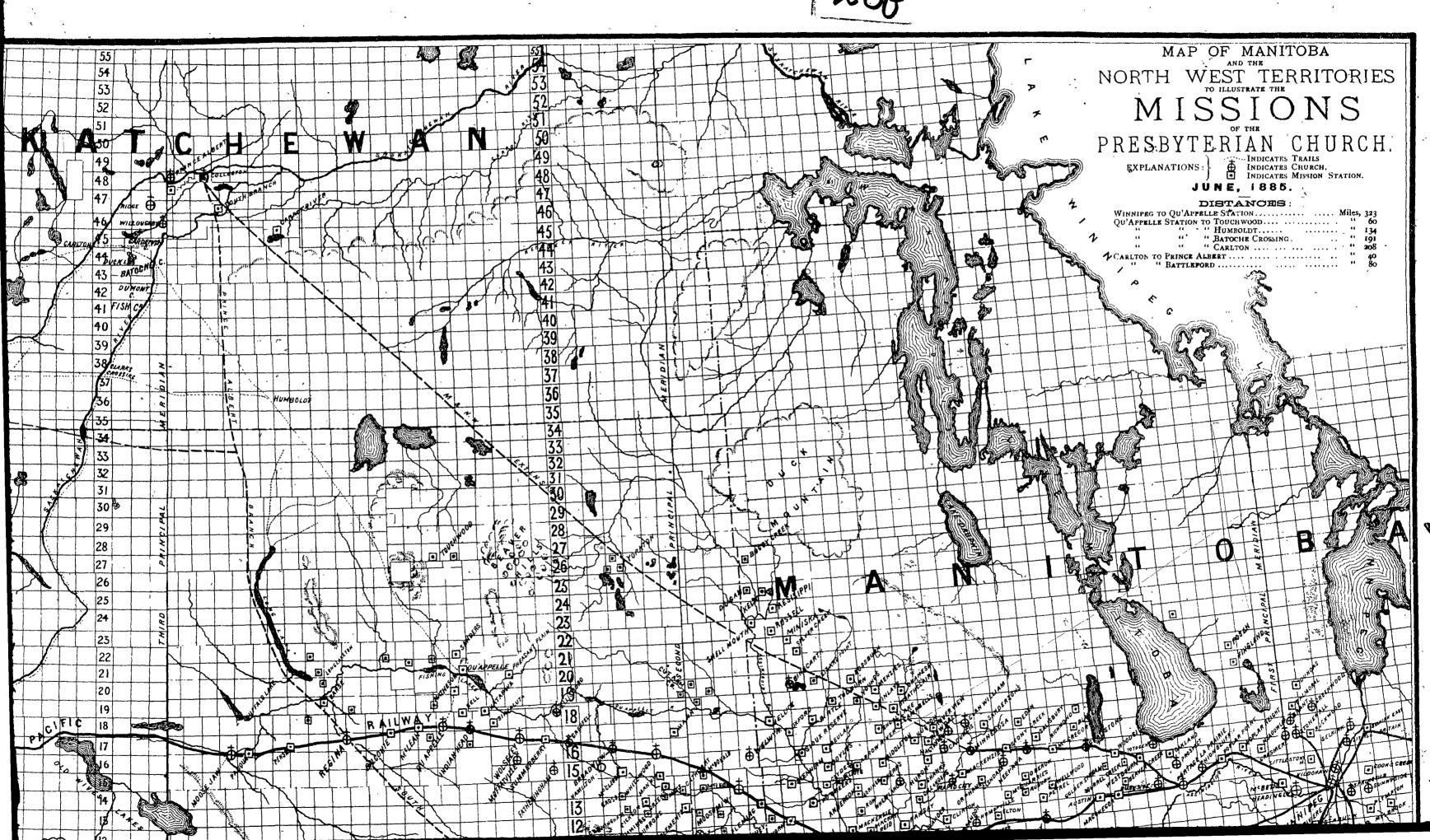
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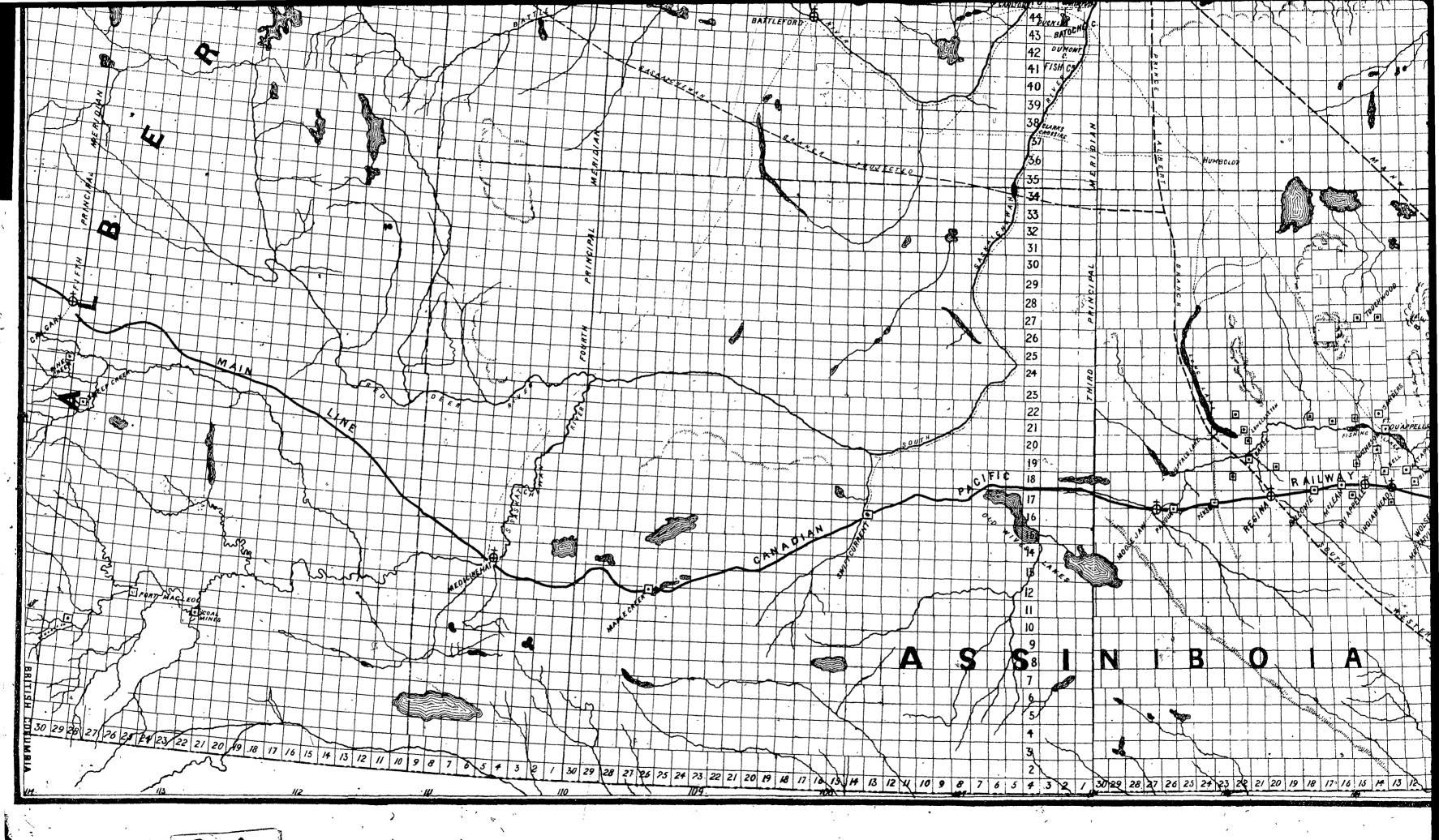
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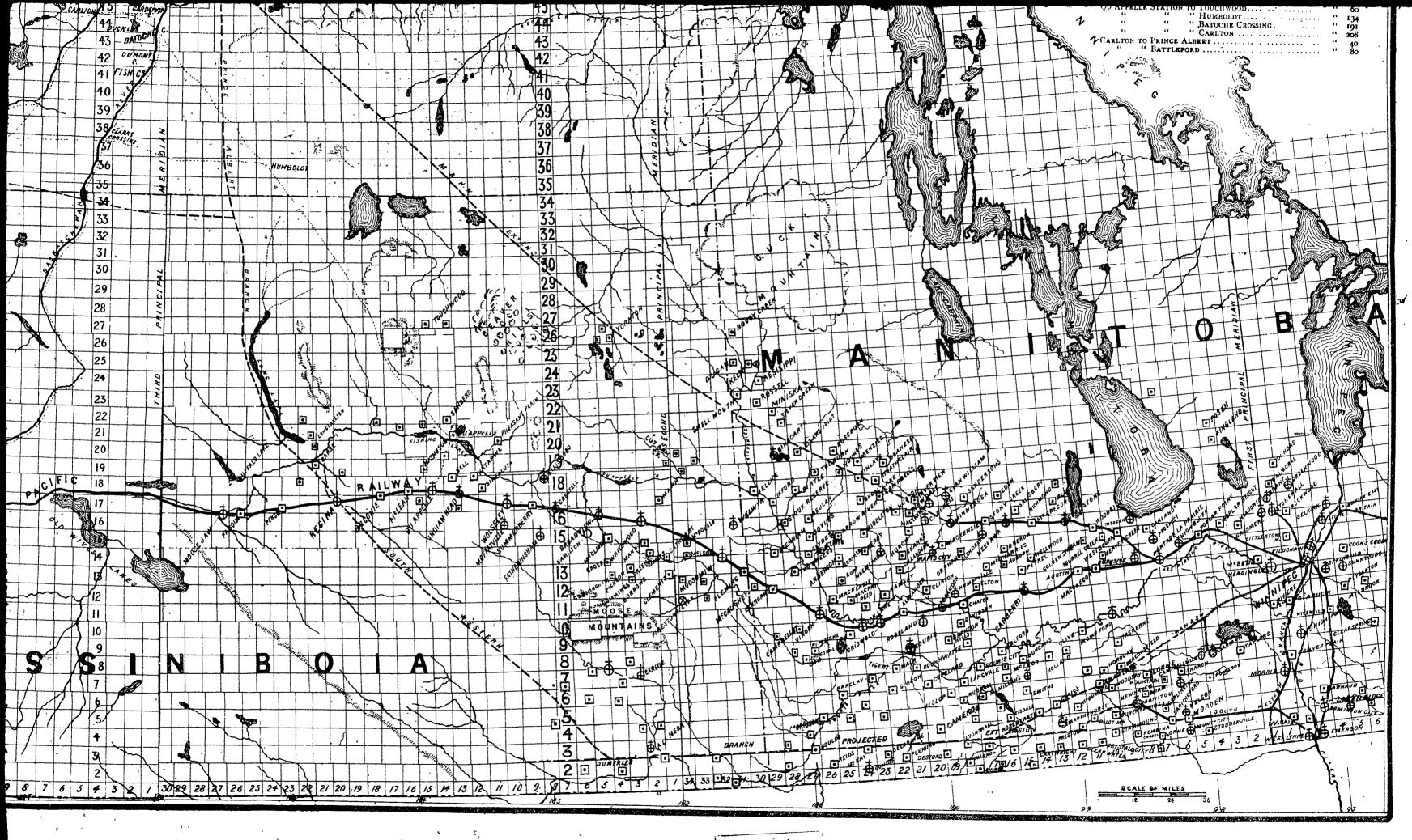
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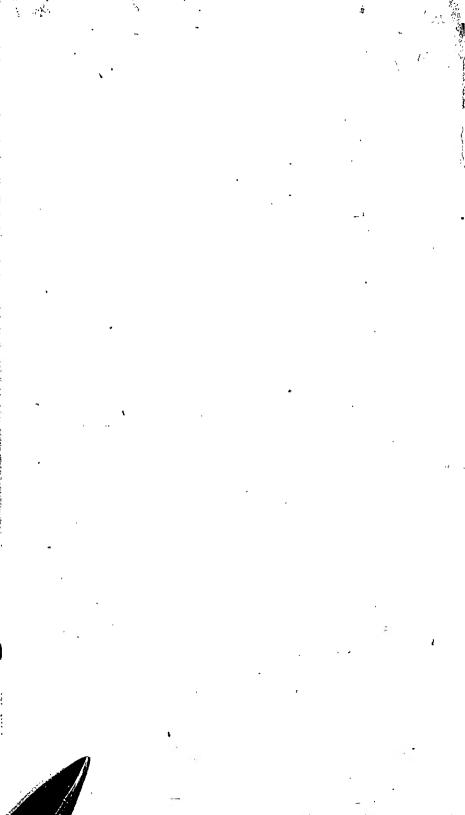
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REPORT OF HOME MISSION WORK

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- PRESENTED TO THE -

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF 1885.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

The following is the report of the Synod of Manitoba, of the work accomplished during the past year.

From various causes the expansion of this work was not so marked as in the preceding year. It can be said, however, that during no previous year was the satisfaction expressed so general, or the work done more enduring.

The resolution of the General Assembly erecting the Synod, give it a territory considerably larger than that occupied by the late Presbythry. The Synod comprises the whole of the provinces of Manitoba, Assimibaia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Athabusia, and part of Ontario, besides the territories of Keewatin and the North west. It extends from Lake Superior on the east to the Rocky Mountains on the west, and from the 49th parallel on the south to within the centre Circle on the north. Following the line of the Canadian Pacific Ruilway, which traverses the country from east to west, the Synod is 1,300 miles in length, and from the southern boundary to the northern limit (habitable by Europeans) it is at least 600 miles wide. The settlement of such a country imposes weighty responsibilities on the State. To provide the incoming settlers with the mains of grace, and so

lay deep and strong the foundations of national virtue, imposes at least equal responsibilities on the Church. If the material and intellectual belong to the State, the moral and religious should be the care of the Church.

Historical Sketch-A short sketch of the steps by which the work has reached its present proportions may not be uninteresting The Presbyterian Church in Canada began work in the North-west in 1851 by the appointment of the late Rev. Dr. Black as missionary to the Highland Colonists, under Lord Selkirk, settled on the Red River, in what is now the parish of Kildonan. years later Mr. Black was joined by Rev. James Nisbet, who ministered to settlers at Little Britain and Headingly. In 1865 Mr. Nisbet was appointed missionary to the Cree Indians on the Saskatchewan, and his work there resulted in laying the foundation of what has since become the flourishing settlement and town of Prince Albert. In 1869 the Presbytery of Manitoba was organized with four ministers, viz., Messrs Black, Nisbet, Fletcher and MacNabb. At the same time, Mr. D. B. Whimster, sent out by the Foreign Mission Committee took charge of the Kildonan school, and for nearly two years, assisted by Dr Black, labored assiduously in furthering the interests of higher education in connection with Presbyterianism in this country. While thus employed Mr. Whimster assisted the brethren above named in preaching the Gospel in regions adjacent. Services were continued in 1870 at Kildonan, Litt'e Britain, Headingly, Poplar Point, High Bluff, Portage la Prairie and Prince Albert. Up to this time, the growth was The North west was unknown. It was not yet a part of the Dominion, and its adaptability for settlement had not been fully proved. The cession of the country to Canada marks a new era in its history. The crowding populations and pent up energies of the eastern provinces found here ample scope; and speedily effected a change. The material growth since has been simply marvellous. has the Church been a laggard. The Assembly of 1884 erected the Synol of Manitoba and North-west Territories. It comprises the Presbyteries of Winnipeg, Rock Lake and Brandon. Its roll contained the names of 58 ordained ministers, 18 of whom belonged to the Presbytery of Winnipeg, 11 to that of Rock Lake, and 33 to that of Brandon. In addition to these, there were 36 probationers, stulents, catechists and teachers, in the employment of the Church. The congregations and mission fields numbered 81, and connected with them were 251 points at which Services were held.

Meeting of the Synod—According to the Appointment of the General Assembly, the Synod met in Knox Church Hall, and was constituted and organized by the appointment of Dr. Bryce, as Moderator, and Mr. Whimster, as Clerk. The Synod appointed Mr. Alex. Matheson, Mr. H. J. Borthwick and Mr. A. McKellar to be respectively the first Moderators of the Presbyteries of Winnipeg, Rock Lake and Brandon. The business pertaining to each Presbytery territorially was handed over by the Synod, and the Presbyteries were instructed to attend to the same. Each Presbytery was instructed to nominate three of its members to form with the Superintendent of Missions, the Synod's H. M. Committee. Those thus nominated, together with the Superintendent, were appointed such Committee, and the Committee organized by appointing the Superintendent, Convener, and Mr. D. B., Whimster, Secretary-Treasurer. The Synod defined the duties of the Committee

and its relation to the several preskyteries. The Committee held two meetings during the year, and, through an executive, attended to any business emerging in the interval.

Immigration—The volume of immigration to the North west was much smaller last year than during the preceding year—only about 8,000 having settled in the country according to official returns. The disturbances at present on the Saskatchewan, although in isolated settlements, and far removed from those in Manitoba and Assiniboia, are sure to act injuriously on immigration this year. Following on the heels of a depression consequent upon a partial failure of crops and low prices, the situation is much aggravated. This check, however, can only be temporary.

Resume of Work Done-Work has been vigorously prosecuted in all the fields occupied in 1883, with the exception of Dumfries, South West Moese Mountain and Meadow Lea. Sickness among missionaries and lack of funds checked our This contraction, however, was more than offset by the occupaprogress slightly. tion, for the first time, of Fort McLeod, Touchwood Hills, Yorkton, Riverside, Pancake Lake, Cathcart, Shell River, and Carlyle and the re occupation of Battleford. In connection with Edmonton, Oak River, Elkhorn and some other fields, new stations were organized. There was thus a gain of nine fields and twentythree stations. Owing to the assistance rendered by ministers visiting us from Ontario, a good deal of exploration was done, and occasional services given to families too widely scattered to be organized regularly as mission fields. the number of fields occupied during winter was considerably larger than ever before, yet about 1,500 families of the Church were for six months without the means of grace. This must tell injuriously on the spiritual tone of congregations and families thus situated.

Supply—There were eighty-one missionaries and ministers engaged in the Home Mission field, and as pastors of augmented congregations during 1884-85. Of them, fifty- one were ordained ministers, eighteen students, and eleven catechists.

Inductions—Mr. A. Urquhart was inducted into the pastoral charge of Regina, Mr. A. B. Baird, of Edmonton, Mr. W. McWilliam, of Prince Albert, Mr. James Todd, of Burnside, Mr. W. A. McKenzie, of Carberry, Mr. J. Lawrence, of Stonewall, and Mr. A. H. McLaren, of Springfield. Several other congregations are putting forth commendable efforts to call ministers, but they are prevented by the fewness of men and the difficulty of hearing candidates. Three demissions took place during the year.

Church Building—Churches were built at Port Arthur, Wolseley, Melwyn, Clanwilliam, Medicine Hat, Sturgeon River, Ellisboro, Moffatville, Manitou, Greenridge, Souris and Battleford; and manses at Springfield, Burnside and Minnedosa. Work was begun on the church at Regina, and it will be finished early this season. The cost of these buildings is estimated at over \$30,000.

C. & M. B. Fund—The Church and Manse Building Fund materially aided this work. During the brief time the Superintendent of missions was in Ontario during the winter, subscriptions to the amount of about \$7,000 were obtained for the Fund and several congregations visited, undertook to canvass members and

adherents in aid of the work. The Board in charge of the Fund is prepared to advance church and manse erection as an aid to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the country.

Finances—Financially, the strain has been severe. Many Congregations were not able to implement their engagements to their ministers, and loss has fallen upon many who could ill afford it. As compared with other Synods, the average per family and per communicant, as shown by the Assembly's report, is higher than that of any Synod of the Church. In augmented congregations for the current year, the average per family is \$14.77, and per communicant, \$14.62, while the averages for the western section, last year were \$9.94 and \$6.10 respectively. The financial outlook is not much brighter for this year. The present disturbance has put some money into circulation. Seeding in some places has, however, been neglected, and the gain is only apparent. One good crop would give an immense relief.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

Emerson—Mr. McGuire resigned in December. Population was diminishing and congregation falling into arrears. All arrears of salary are now paid off, and floating debt wiped out. Since spring opened, the town is reviving and the congregation is in better heart, and anxious to call a minister.

Little Britain—Mr. Matheson is leaving to go to Avonmore. Growth here is slow like all the river congregations; a financial advance in Selkirk, but a decline in Little Britain.

Springfield—Called Mr. A. McLaren. The district is flourishing, and congregation is growing. This charge should require no aid after this year. A neat and commodious manse is nearly completed.

Stonewall—Mr. J. Lawrence was inducted in December. Growth has been slow, but steady. Should be self sustaining in a short time.

. SUPPLEMENTED MISSION CONGREGATIONS.

Clearsprings — Somewhat discouraging to missionary. Settlement scattered; travelling difficult; families leaving: faithful service, but little growth.

Dominion City, &c.—Has called Mr. P. F. Langill. Improvement in congregation. Greenridge built a neat church, and has but little debt: Mr. Munro (Queen's) rendered acceptable service.

Fort Francis and Rainy River—Country settled by Ontario people. Missionary to be sent this summer. Stations promised \$450 per annum toward support. An energetic, ordained minister required for this field.

Fort William and Oliver—Organized partially, and promises \$459 towards support of missionary: Distant from Port Arthur 6 or 7 miles. Town plot and Township of Oliver (20 miles distant) to receive supply with Fort William.

Greenwood, &c.—Shows some progress. Were the field more compact, the congregation would call, and soon become self supporting. Mr. McFarlane faithful and popular.

Headingly, &c.—Church renovated. Renewed interest this spring, and promises of more financial aid. Not much spiritual progress—lukewarm.

Meadow Lea and Poplar Point—Stationary. Missionary sent this year, and out'ook brighter. During summer, Posen, a new field somewhat neglected hitherto, some 30 miles distant from this field, will receive fortnightly supply.

Morris, &c.—Almost at a standstill; slight improvement. Country stations growing. Large areas near the town not cultivated.

Port Arthur—Became self-sustaining last autumn. Mr. Herald has done a good work. Town growing rapidly. Handsome and commodions church built. No debt. Congregation anxious to call.

Rat Portage—Self-sustaining. Wish to call a minister. People spirited and liberal: Satisfactory.

White mouth—60 miles west of Selkirk on the C. P. R., and Niverville, 20 miles south of Winnipeg, are unvisited by other denominations. About 45 Protestant in all resident. Proposed to send them occasional supply, and as frequently as possible.

PRESBYTERY OF ROOK LAKE.

AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

Carman—Advancing steadily, both spiritually and materially. Mr. Ross is beginning to see the fruits of his hard work. Congregation at Carman is building a church.

Manitou—The present terminus of the Canada Pacific South Western Railway; growing, and promises to be a good town. Congregation is increasing in membership, and financial ability. About becoming self-sustaining.

Nelson—The C. P. S. W. Ry. is built 8 miles south, and the Manitoba S. W. Ry. has refused to run into town. This has seriously clouded its prosperity. Most of the business has moved to Morden, the railway station south of Nelson. When Mr. D. G. Cameron resigned, the Presbytery grouped Nelson and Mountain City. With Morden as the centre of the group, a strong charge may be built up.

Rock Lake—A large and laborious field. Want of railway facilities seriously checked its growth. Mr. Farquharson is highly esteemed.

SUPPLEMENTED MISSION CONGRÉGATIONS.

Cartwright—A new field—was occupied for the first time. Formerly Mr. Farquharson gave occasional service, but a wide country to the south and west lay unoccupied. Three new stations were opened up with about 45 families, making the number for the whole field about 60. Cartwright lies south of Rock Lake, and between Clearwater and Wakopa. Mr. Fraser, of Manitoba College, rendered acceptable service.

Darlingford—Constituted a group, and Mr. H. J. Borthwick placed in charge. South of the Pembina River settlers are increasing, and the prospect of the field is cheering.

Deloraine, or West Turtle Mountain—Similarly situated with Wakopa or East Turtle Mountain (see below.) A railway would inspire the people with hope, and raise several of our congregations to the self-sustaining point in a year or two.

Lintrathen—During the winter Mr. D. Lantrow, formerly minister of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, was in charge, and rendered good service. Four stations constitute the group. Good progress is being made.

Morrison—Owing to ill-health of the missionary appointed, and lack of funds, this field was not occupied last season. A missionary has been appointed this season.

Marringhurst has made substantial progress under Mr. Cairns, and is now desirous of calling him.

Riverside lies north of Wakopa, or East Turtle Mountain field, and west of Pelican Lake. Mr. John McArthur, of Manitoba College, rendered good service here last summer. There are about 40 families of our church.

Swan Lake received supply last summer through the Missionary Society of Montreal College, but only occasional supply during the winter. This field is promising, if a suitable missionary could be secured permanently.

Wakopa, or East Turtle Mountain, has advanced very little, if any. People far removed from railways. It does not pay to team grain at present prices. From 100 to 150 miles of the best wheat raising country in the North-west has been serious'y retarded by the lack of railway facilities Wheat in some places has been standing in the stack two years unthrashed. Work in such fields is discouraging.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS

Burnside—Lies west of Portage la Prairie. Mr. James Todd was cal'ed. Under him the congregation is growing. Manse built.

Edmonton—Mr. A. B. Baird was inducted last autumn. During the three years he has labored in the field, five stations were organized and two churches built. The financial record of the congregation is very high. Mr. J. L. Campbell, of Knox College, assisted Mr Baird last summer. The present disturbances may inflict loss on the settlers, but, it is hoped, no permanent injury may be sustained. Twelve united with the Church last year on profession of faith, Edmonton is 200 miles north of Calgarry; on the Saskatchewan.

Gladstone—About 40 miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, shows no great gain. Mr. D. Stalker, has a wide laborious field, and occupies it with universal acceptance.

High Bluff—Has been stationary as to families, but has made a slight advance financially. Good work is being done.

Minnedosa—Is the present terminus of the M. & N. W. Rai'way. The town did not grow as rapidly as was expected. Nor did the congregation. The people gave liberally for the support of ordinances, but they are not sufficiently numerous. It is proposed to strengthen the congregation by attaching Cadurcis. Ill health, it is feared, will compel the present popular pastor to resign

Prince Albert—With great unanimity called Mr. McWilliam, and he was inducted last autumn. The district suffered severely through want of rain. Crops a failure. For a time the town has been almost in a state of siege, and the end is not yet. Reports not received since the half-breed uprising, but work done prior to that is most encouraging.

Regina—Is the capital of Assiniboia. Congregation called Mr. A. Urquhart, and he was inducted last summer. There has been satisfactory progress. A neat and commodious brick church is in course of erection. Mr. Urquhart rendered valuable service in the mission field lying north of the city.

SUPPLEMENTED MISSION FIELDS (OLD.)

Along the line of the C. P. R. are the following:—(the figures indicate the distance west of Winnipeg.)

McGregor (80)—Has increased in size and importance. Mr. T. McRae, is missionary, and gives general satisfaction.

Chater (130)—Large and influential field, but in financial matters behind. The field is growing, and souls are being gathered in. Congregation should call and be self sustaining.

Oak Lake (166)—Advanced considerably under Mr. Haig, of Knox College, and Mr. James Paterson, catechist. At Oak Lake and Griswold stations, churches are being erected. Congregation wishes to call a minister.

Virden (180)—Flourishing. Church-manse too small to accommodate audience. Church to be built. Mr. J. M. Sutherland popular. Congregation ready to call. Financial record good.

Moosomin (210) has received considerable accessions. Me'wyn station built a neat church; Moosomin just wiping out debt on its church. Steady advance.

Whitewood (250)—Advanced considerably. Efforts made to build a church this year. The field is large and families scattered. Important.

Broadview (264) -- Barely held its own financially. Last season not favorable to farmers in neighborhood. District not strongly Presbyterian. Large Indian reserve north of the town.

Greenfell (280) -Mr J. Fotheringham did good service. Delicate state of health forbade continuing in work. Some spiritual gain. Finances unsatisfactory.

Wolseley (294) made commendable progress. Churches erected at Wolseley, Ellesboro, and Moffatville, and all clear of debt; Mr. Robson proving an efficient missionary in matters spiritual, as well as material.

Indian Head (312) has a good fin incial record, but there has been little growth.

In the south a new station is opened up this year. Indian Head is separated from Qu'Appelle station—four stations constituting the group.

Qu'Appelle Station (325)—Point of departure from the rai'way for Touchwood Hills and Prince Albert districts Good work done and congregation growing Field opening up to the west, north-west and south west, and three new stations organized. Congregation promises soon to become self-sustaining.

Moose Jaw (400)—Faithful service rendered, but town declining and congregation suffering. People sympathetic and spirited, but not able to do what they wish. Mr. S. J. Taylor universally liked.



Medicine Hat (660)—At crossing of the South Saskatchewan. Church built and people contributed liberally for its erection. Record of last year in every way gratifying.

Calgary (840)—At foot of Rocky mountains. Distributing point for the settlements to the north on the Red Deer and Saskatchewan Rivers, and for Fort McLeod district to the south. Town growing and congregation steadilý advancing. Congregation ready to call.

FIFLDS NORTH OF THE C. P. MAIN LINE.

. Neepawa—On the M. & N. W. R. R. about 65 miles N. W. of Portage la Prairie. The town is an important business centre, in the middle of a pure wheat growing country. Good progress made. Congregation ready to call. Church being built at Glendale station. Neepawa preparing to build manse this season.

Auburn—Lies south of Neepawa, and is fast becoming a good strong congregation. Mr. T. Collins Court is rendering faithful service.

Cadurcis and Clanwilliam—Worked together. District suffered much through settlers leaving to take up second homesteads, and through early frosts. Clanwilliam built comfortable church and with aid from the C. and M. B. Fund, it is clear of debt.

Rapid City—20 miles north of Brandon. Town going back and congregation suffering in consequence. Mr. A. McPherson doing good work.

Newdale—20 miles north of Rapid City Chuse prospered under Mr. McAl lister. River View station re-opened. The construction of the M. and N. W. R. R. will greatly help our work.

Strathclair — 30 miles N. W. of Minnedosa. Field wide and settlers suffering by reason of distance from market. The building of the railway, it is hoped, will help congregation and minister.

Birtle—35 miles north of Moosomin. Far removed from railway, and congregation has not grown. Difficulties of settlers aggravated by sale of large blocks of land to speculators. Settlement thin and churches and schools difficult to maintain. Settlers beginning to occupy land to east and south east. Beulah and Arron River settlements are attached to Birtle.

Rossburn—25 miles north of Birtle. Erected into a separate field and two new stations opened up in connection with it. Mr. James Patterson, Catechistis in charge.

Binscarth—Efficiently supplied by Mr. J. Hogg. Material growth prevented by distance from market and consequent low price of grain. When Miniska station found itself unable to implement its engagement to the minister, a deputation waited on him, and sorrowfully informed him that they wished him to cease his ministrations until they could pay him. Of course he continued his services.

Oak River—20 miles west of Rapid City. Almost at a stand still. Settlement not prosperous last season.

Fort Qu'Appelle—20 miles north of Qu'Appelle station. Considerable progress. Congregation ready to call. Manse being built. Mr. A. Matheson rendered good service last winter.

Carrot River—Has declined. Failure of crops, distance from market, and half-breed uprising has proved disastrous. Mr. Sinclair to be removed to a more encouraging field.

FIELDS SOUTH OF THE C. P. R. MAIN LINE.

Cypress River.—Retarded in growth by distance from market. Field should be divided, but financial considerations forbid. Missionary hard working, but field discouraging.

Millford-Steadily growing. Financial record not startling Room for improvement. Mr. Mowat a conscientious, laborious missionary.

Rosiland—Advanced considerably. Brandon Hills station building a church. Congregation ready to call. Mr. Geo. A. Laird proved himself a good missionary.

Souris—Built a comfortable church, and subscriptions when paid, will wipe out debt. Town congregation spirited and liberal, but country stations cannot be so commended. Some spiritual good done.

Carlyle—Uuder Queens College Missionary Society. Good work done. Church to be built this summer. District requires permanent missionary.

Alameda—Supplied by Queens College Society. Sent no missionary during winter. Missionary sent in this year.

Dumfries-Was neglected last summer. Missionary appointed this season.

South-west Moose Mountain Country-Left without supply last year, but work resumed this summer.

SUPPLEMENTED MISSION FIELDS (NEW.)

Battleford - 600 miles west of Winnipeg on the North Saskatchewan. Mr. J. H. Cameron went there in the beginning of summer, and did a good work in the interests of temperance and religion, Church built and paid for. 8 families and 14 young men contributed \$500 for the support of ordinances.

Touchwood Hills.—55 miles north of Fort Qu'Appelle. About 90 families, half of whom are Presbyterians. Knox College Missionary Society, supplied field last summer. No supply in winter.

Fort McLeod—Occupied by Mr. W. P. Mackenzie, Knox College. Three points, Fort McLeod, Pincher Creek and Lethbridge supplied. District a ranching country. Missionary popular, and sends interesting incidents of spiritual good done among men who were apt to forget early training. Church being built and nearly completed. But few families. Many young men.

Cathcart—South-west of Moosomin. Crofter colony. People yet unable to do anything to support ordinances, but thankful for missionary sent. and attend on the means of grace. Church to be built this season. Church and Manse Board have it on hand About 50 families.

Elkhorn—Supplied by Queen's College Missionary Society last summer, and by Mr. A. Smith during winter. Much was done to gather the people together. Four stations, and between 45 and 50 families. Not occupied by others.

Shell River—North of Binscarth. Five stations received some supply last summer. Vacant during winter. Over 40 families. Promises \$300 to support ordinances. Missionary sent this year.

Yorkton—Under care of Knox Collego Missionary Society last summer. Mr. W. S. Moore supplied during the winter. A good congregation organized, but settlement quite new.

Tarbolton, north of Griswold-45 families.

Pipestone, south-west of Oak Lake-40 families.

Cut Arm Creek, north-west of Fort Qu'Appelle -60 families.

Green Valley, south-west of Moosomin-50 families.

Longlakton, north of Regina - 50 60 families.

Tiger Hills, south of Milford-35 families.

Pine Creek, south of Calgary-50 families.

Jumping Creek, north-east of Fort Qu'Apelle—55 families

All are new fields, to be occupied for the first time this year.

Leaving out the returns from fields supplied this spring for the first time, the following summary of the work may be given. There were sixty mission fields occupied, having 262 mission stations, an average Sabbath attendance of 10,690 (It would seem as if the average attendance at each station was given in some cases, although service was not weekly but fortnightly). Connected with these stations are 2,905 families and 2,223 communicants. The Sabbath Schools reported 72, with an average attendance of 1,856. The returns in many cases do not show how much was paid on stipend occount. The sum of \$15,263 was contributed for church and manse erection, and \$687 for the schemes of the church. The contributions for all purposes amounted to \$34,816. The contributions for salary promised for the current year amounts to \$-5,187, and the number of stations to be supplied are 298.

There are 15 augmented congregations connected with the Synod, four of which belong to the Presbytery of Winnipeg, four to the Rock Lake Presbytery, and seven to the Brandon Presbytery. These augmented congregations have 46 stations, 683 families, 809 communicants, and an average Sabbath attendance of 1126. Contributions for church erection amounted to \$2,780, for schemes \$665, all purposes \$13,861. In these stations are 19 churches and 9 manses.

Combining these, as both constitute the Home Mission operations of the Church, the reports show that there are 59 churches and 14 manses, and that services were held at 308 points during the year. Connected with these stations are 3,488 families and 3,132 communicants. The average Sabbath attendance is estimated at 13,885. There are 96 Sabbath Schools with an average attendance of 2,982. For church and manse building \$17,993 were contributed, for schemes \$1,852 and for all purposes \$48,677. The stations to be occupied this year number 354, and the salary promised for the current year by the people alone, amounts to \$34,781.

To make the statement complete, the figures of self-sustaining congregations are added. Churches 63, manses 18, stations 318, families 4,850, communicants 4,457, average attendance 20,335, Sabbath Schools 105, average S. S. attendance 4,633.

The growth of the work for the last few years will be seen from the subjoined table:

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•	1871.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
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Congregations and Mission Stations	9	129	184	247	318
Families	198	2027	2411	3305	4350
Communicants	·	1355	1988	2537	4457
Sabbath Schools	j	15	36	47	105
Sabbath School attendance		619	1201	1648	4633
Churches		18	29	48	66
Manses		3	7	10	18
Contributions for all purposes	\$2195	15301	29268	89085	••••

The reports show that a large per centage of the additions to the communion rolls were on profession of faith. At some points there has been a spiritual awakening, and a number of the young people became savingly changed.

Prayer meetings are being more generally held, but the attendance in country districts is small. Pastoral visitation is systematically and extensively carried on, and in districts visited during the day, prayer meetings are held in the evening. It is feared that family worship is not general.

Arrangements were made last autumn for dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all stations, and with the happiest results. The sacrament of baptism is dispensed at intervals in fields occupied by catechists or students, by ordained ministers in neighboring fields.

Considerable attention was paid last year to the organization of Sabbath Schools. The want of accommodation, scarcity of teachers, and in some cases inability to secure the necessary appliances prevented schools from being started. Union schools are organized at points where the number of children belonging to any one denomination would preclude the organization of a denominational school. The number of schools reported last year was 47, with an attendance of 1648; the number this year is 96, with an average attendance of 2,982. Including those belonging to self-sustaining congregations the number would be 105, with an average attendance of 4,633. Much assistance has been given in Sunday School work by donations of books and papers from schools in Ontario. It is hoped this aid will increase.

A Sunday school was organized at one point. There was no communicant connected with the station. Two young men were induced to act as teachers, although they were not Christians. They faithfully studied the lessons, and soon came to the conclusion that they were unsaved. They were gradually led to repentance and the exercise of faith in Christ Jesus, and are now active Christian workers.

The church at large can scarcely realize the good work her missionaries in the North-west are doing. The fields are wide, the settlers scattered, and the labor arduous. The check received by the reverses of the last two years has rendered



their position all the more trying. The Committee would bear testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of the missionaries as a class, and to the valuable service rendered by them to the cause of religion and morals by their zeal and self-denial.

The service rendered by the Missionary Societies of Knox, Queen's, Montreal and Manitoba Colleges deserves more than mere mention. But for the missionaries sent by these Societies many of the fields occupied last summer would have been vacant. Eleven missionaries have been sent by these Societies into the field this summer, two of whom are from Manitoba College.

A few observations must close the report. The country is of vast extent and possesses great and varied resourses. The climate is in winter, somewhat severe, but it is salubrious. Compared with Scandinavia and other countries of Northern Europe, the advantages are decidedly in favor of the North-west. Such a country, may receive checks, still it must grow.

At present the population is rapidly increasing. A large number of young men are immigrating here to engage in agricultural pursuits. They have little capital, except their brains and muscles, their enterprise and energy. They are generally speaking moral and law-abiding. A large percentage of them are Presbyterians. The importance of christian work among them now, can scarcely be ever estimated. Give the people the gospel now and in widening circles its influence will be felt. Let them settle down in indifference, and if there is any truth in the law of heredity, we shall have at no distant date, to re-claim an irreligious, if not an infidel population, and the most incorrigible heathen are those in white faces—those who have lapsed from christianity to godlessness.

Few realize how rapidly men lapse, and how low they sink, if left to themselves. The Church began christian work last season in a settlement that had been neglected. The people were English speaking, a considerable portion being of Scotch or Scotch-Irish parentage or extraction. Not one per cent of a population of 400 ever professed faith in Christ, and six per cent could not be induced to attend church. A missionary in another field writes that the people are kind and liberal, but that only four in a settlement of considerable size, know anything of experimental religion, and that he could not get anybody to stand by him in his attempts to put down open and glaring sins. Drunkeness and licentiousness are destroying the people, and yet the population have become so accustomed to vice, that their degradation fails to shock them. These people fell because the Church failed to follow them. The power of the gospel is as strikingly seen in the way men sink without it, as in the way they are upheld and raised by its influence. Prompt action now will save unavailing regrets in the future.

Of the young men coming to us from the older provinces, not 15 per cent. are communicants. Many of the non-communicants are not far from the kingdom of God. Let them be left uncared for, and instead of coming nearer and becoming subjects of the Kingdom, they will in many cases stray off forever.

The large numbers of letters received, the deputations that come to meetings of Presbyteries, and wait on the Superintendent of Missions, and the welcome accorded to mission received and deputations in visiting fields, testify to the desire for Gospel ordinances.

And according to their ability, and in many cases beyond their ability, the people are ready to contribute to support their missionaries and to erect places of worship. Per communicant and per family, the Synod of Manitobá and the Northwest Territories led the Church last year in liberality. Considerations of this kind press the claims of this work powerfully. If neglected, no other church can take it up. It is a work for the present and future—a work for the church and country—a work to save men and extend the kingdom-of Christ.

To carry on this work, more missionaries are urgently needed. There room is and scope here for men of piety and push—men loving Christ and their fellow men. Summer supply will not answer. Continuous occupation of fields is necessary to any true progress. The young men graduating from our colleges are prevented from volunteering for this work from misapprehension and groundless fears. There is work here, but there is also a reward. Roman Catholic priests and nuns are not deterred by the severity of an Arctic winter or the filth of a Mackenzie River wigwam, and why should it be difficult for Canadian and European settlers, in a country with a climate only a little colder than that of Ontario, to gain the ear of Presbyterian missionaries to help their truly Macedonian cry.

It is to be hoped that the church will bestir herself to provide shelter for her missionaries and their families. There are 85 augmented congregations and mission fields and 14 manses. It is almost impossible in some fields to get a habitable house. Congregations cannot build, but will assist according to their ability. Why should a missionary in China, or India, be provided with a house, and a missionary in Manitoba be left to the tender mercies of 40 ° below zero? The Church and Manse Building Board are doing great service, but the funds at their disposal do not warrant them in attempting what is required. Pastors in comfortable charges could greatly aid their brethren engaged in the work of Church extension. Church and Manse Building Board are erecting a large number of manses this season. Never before were material and labor so low. An average of \$500 or \$600 loan, will enable a congregation to build a manse. Could not a score or two of congregations undertake each to raise the needed sum? Let pastors lead, and the congregations will follow. The hearty thanks of the Synod are tendered to the men and women who cheerfully and generously helped in the past. We are only on the threshold of the work however. Let others help now. The erection of churches is helping our cause materially. Congregations provided with churches, increase in numbers, and financial ability. Soon after churches were built, Brandon, Carbury, Rat Portage, Port Arthur, and other congregations became self-sustaining. The contributions of Edmonton went up from \$300 to \$700; Virden from \$300 to \$650; Calgarry from \$520 to \$826 &c., Church building pays even financially.

The missionary operations of the Church will be little interfered with by these insurrectionary disturbances. Not one of the Indian tribes among which we labor has taken any part in this movement. They are all loyal. Except at two or three / points, the Home Mission work will not be affected at all. The financial effect/ cannot now be forecast. With gratitude to God for his favor in the past, let us turn our eyes in faith to the future, and in Divine strength go forward.

In order to bring the Presbyteries in Manitoba and the North west Provinces more fully into accord with the rules applying to Presbyteries in Ontario and Quebec, the following recommendations have been adopted:

- 1. That the Synod of Manitoba, through its Home Mission Committee, be requested to submit to this Committee at its semi annual meetings in March and October, a financial statement for the six months then ending; and accompanying this a report, on the schedules prepared by this Committee, of the work done during the half year in the respective mission fields, with the names of the missionaries, the amounts contributed by the people, and the appropriations made by the Synod's committee to the several fields.
- 2 That the Synod, through its Home Mission Committee, be instructed to submit to this committee, on or before the 25th of April annually, an audited financial statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st march, together with an annual report of the several fields, on the schedules furnished by this committee.
- 3. That the receipts and expenditures in connection with the congregations on the augmentation list be kept distinct from those of mission fields.
- 4. That after the close of the current ecclesiastical year the grants to congregations on the augmentation list in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west be paid by this Committee semi-annually, as is done in the Presbyteries of Ontario and Quebec.

Manitoba Synod—It was agreed, on account of unexpected expenditure consequent on the formation of the Synod, to grant an additional sum of \$500 to the Synod for the year ending March 31st, 1885.

Grant for next year—It was agreed to grant the Synod of Manitoba the sum of \$18,500, for the year beginning the 1st of April, 1885—this sum to cover the entire expenditure from the funds of the committee, excepting grants to supplemented congregations and the salary and travelling expenses of the Superintendent of missions; the grant to be payable in four instalments, viz.: \$8,000 on 30th June, \$4,500 on the 30th September, \$5,000 on the 31st December, and \$3,000 on the 31st march next. It was further agreed that no money be paid to the Synod of mantoba from the Augmentation Fund for the year beginning 1st April, 1885, over and above the supplements to the congregations on the augmented list at this date, with the exception of the amount of the difference in salary between that paid to ordained missionaries and to settled pastors in those fields now on the Home mission list, but which may be transferred to the Augmentation list and have duly inducted pastors settled over them, during the ensuing year.

Prince Albert—The Presbytery of Brandon having requested that a teacher for the Prince Albert High School be appointed, whose service swould be available for the supply of the mission stations in the vicinity, Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden have been appointed a sub-committee to confer with the Foreign mission Committee, with a view to secure the services of a suitable person.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING COMMITTEE— MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

Church and manse building has not been so extensively carried on during the past year as during the year 1883-'84. The stringency in money matters has increased rather than diminished, and in several cases people have had to choose between having a minister and building a church. When the choice lay between bread and a plate on which to have it served, the people choose the bread.

The Board considers its functions to be to stimu'ate rather than stifle local effort. Presbyterians are the best judges as to the requirements of localities, and the Board confines itseif largely to the considerations of two points, viz., whether the people are doing their part, and secondly what aid in justice to all interests should be given.

Money has been advanced to complete buildings previously erected, but which the congregations unaided could not finish, to erect churches and to erect manses. As in previous years, the aid accorded assumed the form of grant or loan, according to the character of the structure, and the circumstances of the people. Two congregations received aid to complete buildings, two to erect manses, and twelve to build churches. The manses are comfortable frame buildings, one of them being lined with brick. Of the churches, one is brick, four log, and six frame buildings. By several congregations, a beginning was made in church erection as at Shanks, Brandon Hills etc., but the work was suspended till the present season, owing to financial inability to proceed.

To enable the Church to understand the advance made in the erection of church edifices during the year, note is taken of all structures, whether these received aid from the Fund or not. For convenience sake the buildings are grouped under the names of the Presbyteries te which the congregations belong.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

- 1. Port Arthur—The Lake Port of the North-west. Town of at least 5,000 inhabitants, and growing rapidly. A substantial and tasteful brick church, seating capacity 350 with provision for galleries. Cost \$10,000. Debt \$1,500. No aid.
- 2. Greenridge—8 miles east of Dominion City. An important agricultural district. Frame church and sheds. Cost \$1,200. Loan \$450.
- 3. Springfie'd—7 miles east of Winnipeg. Flourishing settlement. Manse Cost \$1,200. Negotiated for loan, terms did not suit. Took umbrage and undertook payment themselves.
- 4. Headingly—15 miles west of Winnipeg. Old River settlement. Church renovated and reseated. Cost \$200. No aid.
- 5. Winnipeg, Knox Church—Church, brick, seating capacity 1,100. Cost \$50,000. No advance asked.
- 6. Winnipeg, St. Andrews Church—manse enlarged. Cost \$1,300. No advance asked.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BOCK LAKE.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

9. Burnside—7 miles west of Portage la Prairie. Choice farming district. Frame manse built, cost \$1,150; loan \$400.

10. Minnedosa—Present terminus of the Manitoba and N. W. Ry. Manse frame, lined with brick. Cost \$1,800; loan \$500.

11. Souris-25 miles South west of Brandon. A spirited village in the midst

of a tavored agricultural district. Church Frame. Cost \$1,200; loan \$500.

12. Clanwilliam—10 miles north of Minnedosa, a good farming district. church, seating capacity 130 Cost \$600; grant \$100.

13. Broadview—263 miles west of Winnipeg. End of C. P. R. Division.

Church-manse finished. Loan \$350.

14. Grenfell-279 miles west of Winnipeg. Active village surrounded by a good country. \$100 advanced. Loan to finish church.

15 Carlyle (Western District)—South-west of Moosomin; good agricultural

country. Log church, cost \$450; grant \$100. Seating capacity about 100.

16. Carlyle (Eastern District)—Log church, cost \$450; grant \$100. capacity about 100.

17. Moffatville - 8 miles south of Wolseley. Good farming district.

frame; seats 125. Cost \$600; grant \$100.

18. Wolseley—294 miles west of Winnipeg. Trading centre of a wide area. Frame church, cost \$1,000; grant \$150.

Log church, cost \$500; seating 19. Ellesboro—8 miles north of Wolseley capacity 120. No grant asked.

20. Regina—Capital of Assiniboia. Educational, legislative and judicial

centre. Church brick, cost \$4,000; loan \$2,000. 21. Medicine Hat-Railway crossing of South Saskatchewan.

Coal mines in neighborhood. Frame church, cost \$700; loan \$250. 22. Sturgeon River—15 miles north of Edmonton. Log church, cost about

\$500; loan \$100. Settlement new, but very promising.

23. Welwyn-16 miles north of Moosomin. Thriving settlement. church, cost \$800. No aid asked.

24. Battleford -600, miles north west of Winnipeg on the North Saskatche-

Log church, seating 125, cost \$500. No aid asked.

The total cost of buildings erected in the mission field has been about \$31,250 and the aid advanced/is \$6,200. The total cost of buildings erected in the Synod, amounted to over \$80,000.

As wil be seen by the Treasurer's statement, several of the congregations aided in previous years have paid instalments on loans. The financial depression prevailing has prevented other congregations from imp'ementing their engagements. Till an improvement takes place in the business outlook of the country, the Board does not deem it prudent to press payment unduly. Security is taken in every case for loans by mortgage on the property, or notes of trustees, or both.

The North-west Land Company has continued to grant suitable sites for the churches free of cost in villages, towns and cities, where they own land.

The C. P. R Company has kindly conveyed all lumber for churches and manses to be built on their line at half the rates usually charged by them.

The delay in constructing branch lines of railway through the country has seriously interfered with the erection of church edifices. The congregations at Birtle, Pilot Mound, Swan Lake, Marney, Newdale and other points have been anxious to build, and were afraid of making a beginning till lines were located and the sites of stations determined on.

During the coming summer there promises to be considerable activity in building. At Oak Lake, Griswold. Whitewood, Fort MacLeod, Cathcart and other points preparations are in progress for erecting churches. At Calgary, Medicine Hat. Fort Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle, Neepawa, and other points the people are moving to erect manses for their pastors. This latter work is most urgent. If missionaries are to be encouraged in their work, they and their families must be comfortably housed. At some points it is impossible to rent a house. Missionaries cannot build houses themselves, owing to expense, and hence they are obliged to live sometimes in hovels, where health is impaired. Cases of actual suffering have been brought before the Board by the Superintendent of Missions, and an effort is to be made this season to prosecute this work as extensively as funds will allow. In this connection, it might be mentioned that a gentleman in Clinton, Ontario, on learning of the hardships of our missionaries, on account of insufficient shelter, authorized the Board to draw on him to the amount of \$500 to build a manse. This is an example worth being followed up. The Church provides houses for her missionaries in India and China, and rightly so. Surely missionaries in the more trying climate of the North-west deserve equal consideration. Never before was material for building so cheap as this year. Lumber can be purchased at about half the price charged two years ago. Labor also can be procured at a reasonable figure. Now is the time to build.

During his visit to Ontario last winter, the Superintendent of Missions obtained subscriptions to the amount of about \$7,000. These added to the amounts previously obtained would give a total subscribed of over \$100,000. A large per centage of this amount, however, was subscribed in Winnipeg, and in consequence of the changed circumstances of many of the subscribers, it is feared much of the amount will not be collectable, while in the case of almost all North-west subscribers the Board must exercise patience.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the great interest taken by congregations in Ontario in the work, and the liberal aid given. A legacy of \$100 was left to the Superintendent for mission work in the North-west by Neil Currie, Esq., and \$50 of the amount was given to the Board and the other \$50 applied to Home Missions. Mention should be made of the action of a friend in Newfoundland, although his name cannot be given. He sent the Board \$1,000 to begin the Fund. Receiving a letter giving an account of the work done in past years, he read it to his friends. They expressed a willingness to aid in the work, and a draft for \$1,000 was purchased and forwarded. A prominent member of the church in Toronto visited this country this spring. He has been aiding the Board from year to year. Seeing the work done through the country, he expressed himself as "more than pleased" and offered to increase his subscriptions. "When a prominent Episcopalian was speaking to me," said he "about the energy of our Church, and her success, I felt proud of being a Presbyterian." Another from the same city of churches, volunteered to be a life member of the Fund, because of what he had seen of the work.

We are yet on the threshold only. There are 46 stations in connection with the supplemented congregations and but 19 churches. There are 15 congregations and but 9 manses. In the mission field proper there are 298 mission stations and but 40 churches—there are 70 mission fields and but 5 manses. Services are frequently held in log huts where a tall man finds it difficult to stand erect. Congregations in such places form slowly. Judicious and timely aid to congregations in church erection will give visibility, promise, and permanence to the work. In the newer settlements a missionary to carry on his work, must be furnished with a The manses already erected have increased the effectiveness of our missionaries. The balance at credit may seem large. It is to be borne in mind, however, that during the winter building operations are suspended, and that monies are paid in more freely. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board, moreover, are "at the front," and appropriations can not be made till their return, for this season's work. The applications already forwarded by Presbyteries, it may be added, will well-nigh exhaust the balance. Among the settlements to be aided is the Cathcart The Board is erecting a church for these settlers. They are proving themselves industrious and God-fearing people. They have this season 1,600 acres under crop, and in two or three years must acquire the means of comfort. Now they are poor and must be helped. For them aid should come from their native land.

It was feared that the present uprising might interfere with mission operations. This was not the case. Not a church or manse was destroyed nor has work been perceptibly retarded. With thankfulness to God for what He has enabled us to do, let us in His name endeavor more adequately to overtake the urgent wants of our growing field.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WINNIPEG, 25th May, 1885.

By order of the Board,

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REGULATIONS FOR THE CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

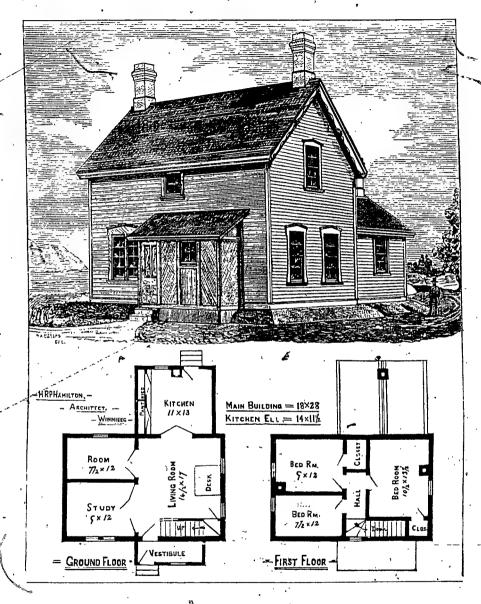
(Adopted by the General Assembly June, 1882.)

- r. The Fund shall be called the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitoba and the North-West.
- 2. The amount to be aimed at in the first place shall be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); the Fund shall be raised by subscriptions and bequests.
- 3. The money constituting the Fund shall be, at the discretion of the Board, either invested and the revenue accruing therefrom be given in the form of grants to congregations engaged in the erection of Churches and Manses, or shall be lent to such congregations for a limited number of years, either with or without interest.
- 4. The management of the Fund shall be entrusted to a Board of nine mimbers, six of these to be appointed annually by the Assembly; the other members of the Board to be the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, and one member appointed by the Home Mission Committee. The ordinary place of meeting shall be Winnipeg. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies made by death or resignation, until the next General Assembly thereafter.
- 5. All applications for aid shall be made to this Board through the Presbytery of the bounds, and before being considered by the Board must be recommended by the Presbytery, but the Board is to be sole judge as to the merits of the application, and the amount of aid to be granted.
- 6. The assistance where made in the form of a grant, shall not, except in special circumstances, exceed one-fifth of the total cost of the building; and when made in the form of a loan shall not exceed fifty per cent. of the cost. The money shall be payable only when the building can be used for service, in the case of grants. In the case of loans it may be advanced from time to time. No grant to be made or loan effected until the Board is satisfied that a valid title to the property, or a bond to that effect, has been secured by the congregation, and that the deed be in the form approved by the General Assembly.
- 7. It shall be competent for the Board, with the approval of the General Assembly, to make changes in these regulations, but such shalltnot extend to the alienation of the capital intrusted to the Board.
- 8. The Board shall report its transactions annually through the Home Mission Committee to the General Assembly.

In making advances from the Fund the Board of Management require, in addition to the terms prescribed by the General Assembly; that loans shall be repaid within three years; that payment shall be guaranteed by the personal bond of the managers of the congregations, or by a first mortgage on the Church property; and, in most instances, that interest be paid upon loans at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum.

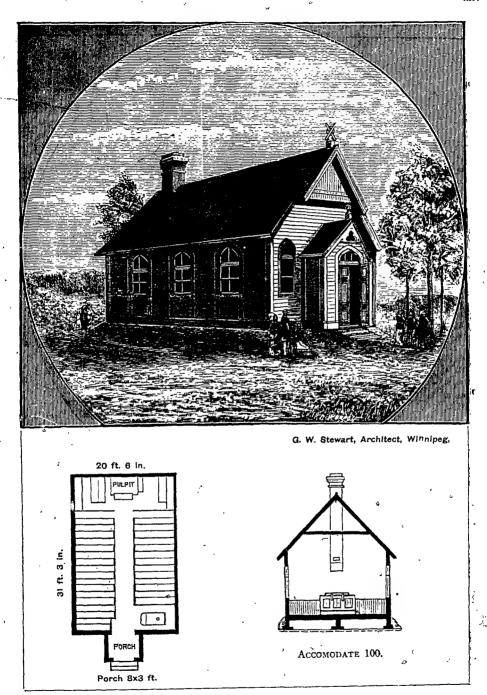
FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for Manitoba and the North-West, the sum of and I direct that the said legacy be puid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose and in preference to any other payment therefrom.



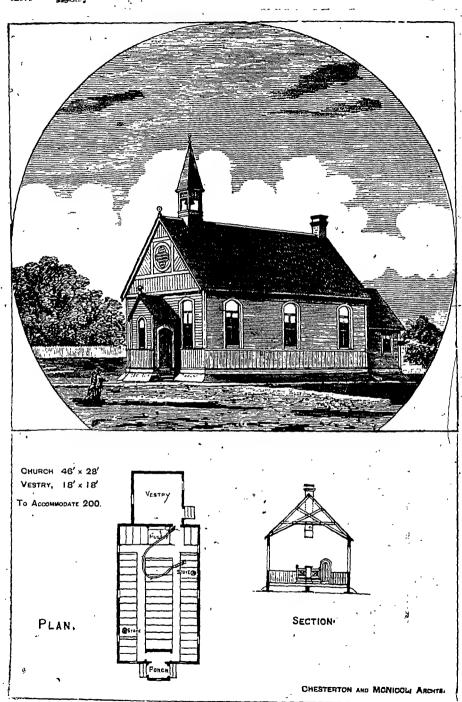
DESIGN CHURCH AND MANSE COMBINED.

SEATS 90 ON GROUND FLOOR COST \$1200.00.

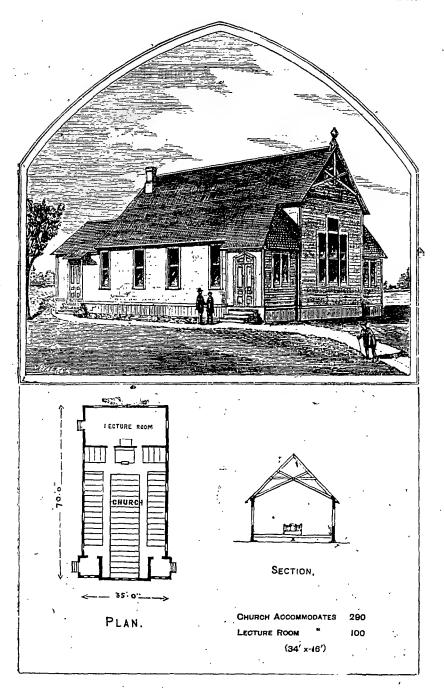


DESIGN No. 2. Cost \$900.

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DESIGN No. 3: Cost, Without Vestry. \$1500.



DESIGN No. 4. Cost \$2000.

Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitob and the North-West.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, YEAR 1884-1885.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, YEAR 1884-188	35.	•
RECEIPTS.		
I. BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT.		
		\$7198 96.
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statements hereto annexed—		
I. On subscriptions reported in former accounts	\$2815 17	
2. On present year's subscriptions	3467 99	C-0C
III. REPAYMENT OF LOANS.	,	6283 16
To the following congregations on account of money advanced to them in loan—	•	
Rapid City	140 00	
Brant and Argyle \$150 00	-	
interest	•	
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Cropwood		
Stonewall	.100 00	
37 30	287 50	
Virden	20 00	
Indian Head	25 00	,
	60 00	
Moosomin	150 00	_
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To interest on Bank account		68 93 .
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Broadview	-	
Grenfell	24 05	
	RECEIPTS. I. BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT. To balance in Merchants Bank of Canada at this date. II. SUBSCRIPTIONS. To amount of subscriptions paid to date per detailed statements hereto annexed— I. On subscriptions reported in former accounts. 2. On present year's subscriptions. III. REPAYMENT OF LOANS. To the following congregations on account of money advanced to them in loan— Rapid City Brant and Argyle. "interest. "30 00 High Bluff. Greenwood Stonewall. Greenwood Stonewall. 250 00 interest. 1V. Interest on Bank Account. To interest on Bank account. Total receipts PAYMENTS. I. LOANS.	I. Balance from Last Account.

Regina, additional	\$1332	66	
Minnedosa	500		p.
Broadview	350		
Grenfell	24	05	
Medicine Hat	250	_	
Clan-William	100		
Manitou	800	00	
Burnside	400	00	
Souris	500	00	
Sturgeon River	100	00	•
Wolseley	250	00	
Carlyle	200	00	
Carman	500	00	
Moffatville	100	00	
Greenridge	50	00	
Headingly	50	00	
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1884	II, Expenses.		
July 1	By Rev J Robertson, Superintendent, expenses of canvass	70 81	
J J	Bishop Engraving Co, for maps	250 00	
Oct. 18	Watt & Shenstone for printing	33 00	
Nov. 20	Bishop Engraving Co,	2o oo	
	McIntyre Bros, "	150 00	
1885		-	
Jan. 26	C B Robinson,	14 00	
٠,	Treasurer, for new Ledger and Index	7 75	
	McIntyre Bros, for printing	131 30	
April 9		29 75	
-	Box for Secretary's papers	6 50	
May 5	Treasurer, for clerk's services	250 00	
27	-Rev J Robertson, expenses	123 00	
	Commission on bank cheques	2 15	
•		1088 26	
	Less received for advertisements on last report	75 00	
1885	III. BALANCE IN BANK.		1013 26
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May 27	By balance in Commercial Bank of Manitoba at this date, per Bank		8215 02
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WINNIE	JOHN B. McK PEG, May 27th, 1885.	ILLIGAN	i, Treasurer.

PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS IN FORMER ACCOUNTS.

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J McKnight, Norfolk	\$100 00	Duncan McTaggart, Montreal	25 00
Tames Gordon, Ottawa	300 00	H Cassells, Toronto	50 00
Sir Wm Young, Halifax	100 00	Dr J D McDonald, Hamilton	50 00
W Thomson, Toronto	- 50 00	R J McDowell	16 67
J McFadyen, King	5 00	W Thomson, Toronto	50 00
D J McKinnon, Brampton	10 00	Rev J B Edmondson, Almonte	50 00
J M Gibson, Hamilton	25 00	J Davidson, Toronto	20,00
A G Northup, Belleville	25 00		9 ∞
J L Brodie, Toronto	100 00	Geo Chamberlain, "	3 00
W C Harris, Toronto	50 00		6 00
D S Dow, Toronto	50 00		3 00
A Jardine, Toronto	50 00		100 00
Messrs Swan, Toronto	25 00	J M Williams, Hamilton	25 00
Mrs Lovett		Rev N McKinnon, Mosa	10 00
G W, Hodgetts, St Catharines		Rev Dr Burns, Halifax	50 00
W Hood, Sr, Markham	20 00		20 00
Dr J D Macdonald, Hamilton	50 00		25 00
D Little, Acton	5 00		15 00
Wm Skead, Winnipeg	20 00	,	
J S Playfair, Toronto	100 00		50 00
Mrs Nelson Mills, Hamilton	, 16 00		33 00
Robt Morrison, Nassagewaya	5 00		25 00
Marshall Holmes,	3 00		96 00
W J McCalla, St Catharines	5 0 00		5 00
Alex Farlinger, Morrisburg	10 00	14	20 00
Wm Kilgour, "	5 00		5 00
H Montgomery,	10 00		100 00
John Moore, "		Jos Henderson, Cobourg	50 00
W.& J. Meikle, "	25 00		5 00
James Day,	12 00		100 00
John Shaw, Forrest	10 00	•	500 00
Malcolm Brady, Forrest	4 00	1	2815 17
Chas Witeman, "	2 50	'1	2015 1/



CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED SINCE LAST REPORT.

	TORONTO-			1	Amount.	Paid.
		Amount.	Paid.	Geo Bruce	15 00	
	Charles Cockshutt, additional	\$100 00	100 00	Rev Dr Torrance	50 00	
	T C Elwood	100 00				
	John Kay, additional	50 00	50 00		1002 00	105 00
	Thomas Kay	10 00	10 00	GODERICH—		
	Miss Adams	15 ∞		Rev Dr Ure	100 00	50 00
	Wm Mitchell	10 00		James Dickson	.100 00	JO 00
	Miss M A McBean	5 00	5 00	D C Strachan	15 00	
	I B Kay	5 00	5 00	A Straiton	15 00	
	Charles Perry	10 00	10 00	James Saunders	15 00	٠.,
	Erskine Church Sabbath School	25 00	•	Chas O Nason	15 00	
	Rev A Gilray	25 00 50 00	50 00			`
	W Mortimer Clark, additional. A N Creelman	10 00	10 00		260 00	50 00
	Thank Offering	25 00	25 00	STREETSVILLE-	•	-
	James Bain, Jr	10 00	10 00			
	A T Crombie, additional	20 00	20 00	Wm Jardine	15 00	
>	R Donald	10 00	10 00	Mrs Dr Thom	10,00	10 00
	Alex Gemmell	10 00	10 00	Thos Hassard	5 00	•
	A J Cattanach	10 00	10 00	Mrs Waldie	15 00	
	Rev J Neil. >	75 ∞		J G Beaty	15 00	10 00
	James Webster	20 00	20 00	Rev J Murray	100	100
	John Ritchie	30 00		J K Beaty	1 00	1 00·
	H George	.10 00	10 00	Geo McClelland	5 00	5 00
	College Street Church	9 23	9 23	John McCielland	10 00	,
	D McGee, additional	25 00	25 00	Friend	1 00	1 00
	John Wanless	10 00	10 00			,
	J K Macdonald	50 00	50.00		88 00	28 00
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	H Taylor	10 00	10 00	A G L Guy	10 00	10 00
	Mrs Weatherhead	10 00	10 00	Rev M McGregor	15 00 30 00	
		20.00	20.00	C Thomson	10 00	,
	SCARBORO-	20 00	20 00	J C Ross	5 00	5 00
	-	٠,		Miss Young	1 00	1 00
	St Andrews Church	120 00	120 00	John Smith	5 00	5 00
	Knox Church	143 50	143 50	Mrs Ault	1 00	1 00
	•			Mrs McDonald	. 50	50
	ECMONDULLE	263 50	263 50	Mrs Cuthbertson	1 00	1.00
	EGMONDVILLE—			Miss Saunders	1 00	
	Samuel Carnechan	30 00				
	Rev Joseph McCoy	ī5 00			184 50	28 50
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	GUELPH—			Franklin Lite	35 00	
	Wm Bell	500 00	•	James Carmichael	5 00 10 00	10 00
	James Morrison	100 00		Wm Reid	5 00	10 00
	Robt Forbes	100 00	100 00	Geo Wood	2 00	2 00
	James Innis	50 ∞	5 00	Robt Culvert	1 00	1 00
	Wm Watson	50 ∞		Thos Robson	1 00	1 00
	James Watt	50 00		John Beattie	, 20	· 50
	W Tytler	30 00	g.	Wm Miller	. 50	. 50
	Donald Guthrie	30 00		Mrs Dr Robson	1 00.	1 00
	W H Wardrop	30 00		Mrs Waugh	50.	. 50

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CLINTON-	,		Thos Bryden	30 00	
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R Irwin	500 00		A Thornton	30,00	
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John Kerr	30 00	30 00	A Greenless	30 00	-
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Geo Murdie	5 00		James Cowan	30 00	
Mrs Macgregor	2 50		Dr H Arnett	30 00 10 00	10 00
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James Baird	100 00		· ·		
A McKay	100 00		Rev D Tait	, 30 00	
C R Ayre	100 00 50 00	100 00 50 00	Mary C Perine	20 00	
John McNeil	50 00	-		50 00	
M Munroe	20 00	20 00	AVONTON—	,	
John Archibald	, 20 00	20 00			
McDougal & Templeton	10 00		Rev G Chrystal	20 00	
James Gordon	10 00	10 00	Wm Davidson	15 00	
John McKenzie	10 00	10 00		35 ∞	
Rev G B McNeil	10 00		HAMILTON-	35	
John Waddell	4 00		1	100.00	
Friend	6 ∞	6 00	Thank Offering A Member of St Paul's Church	100 00	5 00
	 -		H D Cameron, additional	5 ∞	5 00
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FERGUS—	_		•	510.00	410.00
Henry Michie	200 00		GALT-	510 00	410 00
James Argo	75 ∞				
G D Ferguson	50 ∞		Thomas Cowan	150 00	
Peter Rennie	30 00		Rev J K Smith	75 00	
Dr W H Johnson	30 00	•	R G Struthers	75 ∞	-
C F MacGillivray	20 00 25 00		Mrs Burnett	50 00	50 00
Alex Forbes	5 00		John Gillespie	30 ∞	-
J Macqueen	15 00		John Perry	30 00	
W Murray	12 00		A J Campbell	20 00	10 00
Wm Ross	10 00		James E Kerr	20 00	5 00
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Robert McQueen	50 (Rev Dr James	50 00	50 C	n
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Alex Green	500	00		R Thompson, Campbellville	15 00	15 0	~
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GHE GENERAL HSSEMBLY,

At its meeting in Montreal in June last, passed the following resolution anent the Report of the Church and Manse Building Board, (see The Acts and Proceedings of the Eleventh General Assembly p. 60):—

"That the Assembly receive the Report of the Committee on the Church "and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and the North-West, and record "its appreciation of the valuable aid by this Fund to the work of Church "extension in the North-west, and commend the scheme anew to the liberal"ity of the members and adherents of the Church."

The following. Board was appointed for the year 1885-6, viz:—Revds. C. B. Pitblado, Chairman; D. M. Gordon, Secretary; Dr. Cochrane, R. H. Warden, James Farquharson, James Robertson, and Messrs. D. MacArthur, G. D. McVicar and J. B. MacKilligan.



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